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SPECIAL TEAM OF RAILWAY OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special team of railway officers has been selected for getting rid of the hold of brokers at Railway Reservation Centres;

(b) if so, (i) the number of stations raided, (ii) the number of brokers involved and caught during the last three years and (iii) action taken against them and (iv) the measures taken to make it more active; and

(c) the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): In order to curb the menace of unauthorised sale of tickets, regular and surprise checks are conducted by the Commercial and Vigilance Departments under the general supervision of their officers both in and around reservation offices at all important stations. Police/Railway Protection Force are also associated from time to time.

(b) to (c): Checks against touts is a regular feature and no separate statistics are maintained regarding the number of stations raided. However, during the checks conducted during the financial years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 & 2001-2002, the number of persons apprehended was 3112, 2857 & 2579 respectively who were dealt with under the relevant provisions of the law. Besides, during peak rush periods, monitoring at important locations is stepped up and campaigns are launched through various media for educating the general public to desist from purchasing tickets from unauthorised persons.